

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 299 - HB 1288

March 4, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the definition of “drug paraphernalia” to include roach clips, rose and pen combinations, cocaine spoons and vials, certain tobacco products and other containers used in packaging controlled substances.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently drug paraphernalia offenses are classified as Class A misdemeanors or Class E felony.
- Expanding the list of items that constitute drug paraphernalia will not result a significant increase in the number of Class E felony convictions because the items could fall under the current general definition.
- Any increase in the number of misdemeanor convictions and any resulting increase in state or local government expenditures or revenue will not be significant.
- Any impact to the caseloads of the state trial courts can be accommodated within the existing judicial resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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